

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

The application of:

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Examiner: Syed Zia

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For: METHOD FOR OVERCOMING THE SINGLE POINT OF FAILURE OF THE  
CENTRAL GROUP CONTROLLER IN A BINARY TREE GROUP KEY EXCHANGE  
APPROACH

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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DISCLOSURE OF RELATED APPLICATIONS AND OFFICE ACTION(S)  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.56

Sir:

Applicant(s) would like to bring to the Examiner's attention that the following applications,

U.S. Application/ Pat. No.	File Date	Atty. Docket. No.
10/954,525	September 29, 2004	50325-0965
10/985,507	November 9, 2004	50325-0988

referred to as the "related applications", contain subject matter that is related to the subject matter of the present application. The related applications may contain one or more claims that are substantially similar to one or more claims in the present application, and those claims may have been rejected in the related applications. Therefore, the Examiner is encouraged to review the file histories of the related applications as some of the information contained therein may be material to the examination of the present application.

The Examiner is hereby notified that for the following related application(s) an Office Action has been received as indicated below:

U.S. Application/ Pat. No.	File Date	Office Action Mailing Date	Atty. Docket. No.
09/470,054	December 22, 1999	February 22, 2005	50325-0083

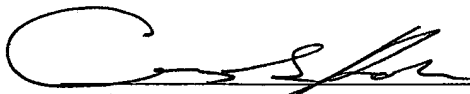
The related application(s) contain(s) one or more claims that may be substantially similar to one or more claims in the present application, those claims may have been rejected in the related application(s), and a different interpretation may have been applied to one or more of the references that are of record in the present application. Therefore, the Examiner is encouraged to review the file history(ies) of the related application(s) as some of the information contained therein may be material to the examination of the present application.

Throughout the pendency of this application, please charge any additional fees, including any required extension of time fees, and credit all overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

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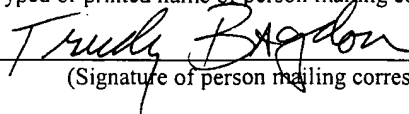
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